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MARKUP

National Ocean Exploration Program Act (H.R. 1834)
Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007(H.R. 3776)
Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007 (H.R. 3775)

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**Statement of Subcommittee on Energy & Environment Ranking Member Bob Inglis
(SC-4)**

Thank you for holding this markup, Mr. Chairman.

Today we'll mark up two bills that address two vital needs in our pursuit of energy security: energy efficiency and energy storage.

The Department of Energy's Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) has a successful track record of helping U.S. manufacturers translate research and development into efficient, cost-saving technologies. By reauthorizing this program, the ***Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act (H.R. 3775)*** will support our nation's industries in achieving energy efficiency while remaining economically competitive. It is very important that we direct this program to prioritize its efficiency efforts, targeting industry sectors (not individual businesses) where we can attain the best emissions reductions for our buck

While energy efficiency reduces our total consumption of foreign oil and gas, energy storage progress will encourage development of clean, renewable energy sources. ***H.R. 3776, the Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act*** can help promote consistent and stable energy supply from renewable sources. That's a big hurdle, but it's one we can't clear soon enough.

Finally, we'll be marking up the ***H.R. 1834, the National Ocean Exploration Program Act***. Marine scientists tell us that we haven't come close to tapping the resources available to us in and under our oceans. I hope that the bill we markup today steers research dollars to those "fact-finding" projects, so that humanity might one day reap the benefits of our hidden oceanic resources.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and I look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.